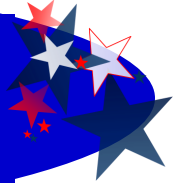


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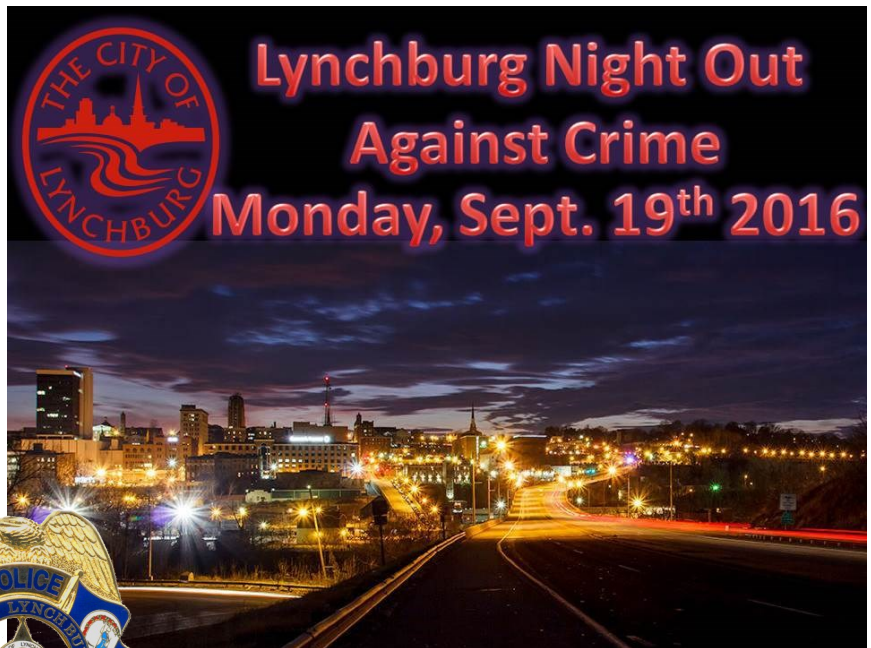
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Mark Your Calendars!

Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime will take place Monday,
September 19th!

Neighborhood Watch groups are encouraged to participate.
Participation counts towards your yearly requirements to
maintain Active status for your Watch Group.



Crime Prevention - (434) 455-6070

Crime Prevention Tips for Summer Vacation

- Rule # 1 Don't advertise on social media that you will be gone. Avoid the temptation and wait to post until you return.
- Have a trusted neighbor or relative get your mail and newspapers while your away.
- Give your home a lived in look by leaving lights on timers, and have a radio or television on for noise.
- Carry a "Portable Lock" with you for your hotel room door.
- Keep a daily check on your belongings and report any suspicious activity to Hotel Management.
- Know who is knocking at your door before opening it.
- Have fun while on vacation, but be alert, know what is going on around you.



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Becoming Bear Aware!

With a healthy black bear population, bear sightings are becoming common throughout much of Virginia. A highly adaptable and intelligent animal, bears can live close to people. While local residents often do not know bears are living close by, some bears may wander into residential areas due to the smell of food around homes. The most common food attractants are bird feeders, garbage, and pet food; however, outdoor grills, livestock food, compost, fruit trees, and beehives can also attract bears.

What should you do if you see a bear?

- Enjoy and keep a respectful distance! In most cases, the bear will move on quickly.
- If a bear is up a tree on or near your property, give it space. Do not approach, and bring your pets inside to provide the bear a clear path to leave your property.

What should you do if a bear is consuming bird seed, garbage, pet food, etc. on your property?

- Call police dispatch at 434-847-1602 and ask for the Chief Animal Warden for Lynchburg City.
- The best way to encourage the bear not to return is to remove the food source.
- Do not store household trash, or anything that smells like food, in vehicles, on porches or decks.
- Keep your full or empty trash containers secured in a garage, shed or basement.
- Take your garbage to the dump frequently.
- If you have a trash collection service, put your trash out the morning of the pickup, not the night before.
- Take down your bird feeder for 3-4 weeks after the bear visits.
- Consider installing electric fencing, an inexpensive and extremely efficient proven deterrent to bears, around dumpsters, gardens, beehives, or other potential food sources.

If addressed quickly, this situation can be resolved almost immediately after you remove the food source. Sometimes, the bear may return searching for food, but after a few failed attempts to find it, will leave your property.



If you have one of these passwords, you should change it...

1. 123456
2. password
3. 12345678
4. qwerty
5. 12345
6. 123456789
7. football
8. 1234
9. 1234567
10. baseball
11. welcome
12. 1234567890
13. abc123
14. 111111
15. 1qaz2wsx
16. dragon
17. master
18. monkey
19. letmein
20. login
21. princess
22. qwertyuiop
23. solo
24. password
25. starwars

You should change your password regularly.



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